

Application Serial No. 10/039,999
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Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An interactive computer method for managing a project, the method comprising the steps of:

establishing a plurality of information modules in an interactive computer system to control at least two or more of project planning, establishing and tracking project tasks, allowing access to documents and information in any module, providing issue resolution, reviewing project progress, tracking project finances, scheduling and attending meetings, requesting information, reporting project data, and controlling changes to project documents;

defining authorized individuals who have access to ~~an~~ the interactive computer system providing electronic data interchange for a project;

~~opening~~ creating an electronic collaboration center in one of the modules on the computer system for the time disjointed electronic interaction of authorized individuals on the project;

determining in the collaboration center access to the collaboration center by the authorized individuals;

defining a collaboration in the collaboration center including a collaboration leader and a collaboration summary and including at least one of a collaboration purpose, a collaboration action plan and a deadline for the project collaboration; and

accepting input information at the collaboration center from authorized individuals to facilitate resolution of a project issue relating to at least one of the collaboration purpose, the collaboration action plan, and the deadline; and

using the collaboration center for planning and resolving a collaboration purpose.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the

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steps of:

allowing all authorized individuals to perform at least one of review, submit, author, and change data and to interact with other authorized individuals electronically in the collaboration center.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

notifying all authorized individuals of a change in at least one of the collaboration purpose, the deadline, the collaboration action plan, and input information.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:

forwarding one of a question and an issue involving at least one element of the collaboration to be decided by all authorized project individuals;

accepting votes of authorized individuals for the issue on at least one element of the collaboration;

making a decision by the project leader on the issue based in part on the votes; and

displaying the results of the vote.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of: maintaining and displaying the status of each collaboration.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

providing the collaboration center with the capability of receiving